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# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Firearm Owners Against Crime,

Jury Trial Demanded

Kim Stolfer, Joshua First, and

Howard Bullock,

**Plaintiffs** 

:

City of Harrisburg,

v.

jautry@laverylaw.com Attorneys for Defendants

2015 · CV · 354 · EQ

Civil Action

Mayor Eric Papenfuse, and

Police Chief Thomas Carter.

Defendants

## Defendants' Motion to Strike 10 Day Default Notices

All Defendants ask this Court to strike the 10 day notice issued after removal to federal court:

- Because Plaintiffs raise a Section 1983 claim asserting a violation of their constitutional rights, all Defendants removed this case to federal court on February 13, 2015.
- Plaintiffs thereafter served Defendants with a 10 day notice, dated
   February 19, 2015.
  - 3. This Court has already transferred the case and lacks jurisdiction.

4. The federal removal statute prohibits this Court from taking further action:

Promptly after the filing of such notice of removal of a civil action the defendant or defendants shall give written notice thereof to all adverse parties and shall file a copy of the notice with the clerk of such State court, which shall effect the removal and the State court shall proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded.

#### 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

- 5. Defendants immediately gave notice to Joshua Prince, Esquire, the attorney for all Plaintiffs, of removal, and Defendants filed a copy of the notice of removal with this Court. Accordingly, this Court "shall proceed no further."
- 6. Plaintiffs argue in federal court in a motion to remand that removal was improper. Plaintiffs rely on a typographical error in the notice, in which Defendants failed to list Plaintiff Howard Bullock in the caption of the notice.
- 7. Plaintiffs' argument falls flat. The notice of removal operates to remove the *entire* action. There is no such thing as a partial notice of removal.
- 8. Further, the Defendants did not need to list any Plaintiffs other than Firearm Owners Against Crime, in that Defendants could have used "et al." for the rest.
- 9. More importantly, this Court lacks jurisdiction to resolve Plaintiffs' arguments. If removal is improper (which Defendants deny), then the federal court will remand the case.

- 10. Defendants do not believe that oral argument or an evidentiary hearing are necessary, but defer to this Court as to whether this Court would like testimony or oral argument on the matter.
  - 11. Discovery is not necessary for the resolution of this motion.

For these reasons, Defendants respectfully request this Honorable Court strike the 10 day notices.

Respectfully submitted!

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#### Certification of Counsel

Due to these time constraints, Defendants have e-mailed the text of the motions to Plaintiffs' counsel today, but cannot wait for concurrence. Accordingly, Defendants certify that they believe that Plaintiffs will oppose this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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### In the Court of Common Pleas of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Firearm Owners Against Crime, Kim Stolfer, Joshua First, and Howard Bullock, Plaintiffs v. City of Harrisburg, Mayor Eric Papenfuse, and Police Chief Thomas Carter, Defendants	<ul> <li>Jury Trial Demanded</li> <li>Civil Action</li> <li>2015-CV-354-EQ</li> </ul>
	Order
AND NOW, this day of _	, 2015, upon consideration of
the within Defendants' Motion to Stri	ke 10 Day Default Notices, IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED AND DECREED THAT the Motion is GRANTED and that the 10 Day	
Default Notices are hereby stricken.	
	By the Court:
Dated: February, 2015	
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